

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application, based on the following remarks, are respectfully requested. By this Amendment, the claims are amended to merely clarify the recited subject matter based on the matters discussed during the April 20 personal interview. Claims 11, 13-14 and 16-19 are pending in this application.

Applicant thanks Examiners Trost and Gesessee for the courtesies shown Applicant's representative during the April 20 personal interview. Based on the matters discussed during that personal interview, Applicant amends Figure 1 to split the illustrated content into Figures 1A and 1B and amends the specification accordingly. As indicated by the Examiners during the personal interview, such amendments overcome the drawing objection set forth in the October 6 Office Action.

Additionally, the rejection of claims 11, 14, 16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph was withdrawn based on the remarks presented during the personal interview.

Claims 11-12, 14-16 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Serbetcio glu et al. (U.S. 5,511,111; hereafter "Serbetcio glu").

During the personal interview, the Examiner's indicated that Serbetcio glu would be distinguished by amending the claims to associate the claimed transmission of the calling party's identity with the structure that transmits it and receives it in each of the independent claims. Specifically, during the personal interview, Applicant's representative asserted that the Serbetcio glu fails to teach or suggest transmitting the identity of the calling subscriber to the mobile services switching center associated with the called subscriber in connection with a request for routing information. In response, the Examiners commented that amending the claims to indicate the origination and the destination of the transmission, i.e., the HLR and VLR, would further distinguish Serbetcio glu.

Accordingly, Applicant's representative suggested amending independent claim 11 to include the subject matter of dependent claim 12 (and canceling claim 12) and amending independent claim 14 to include the subject matter of dependent claim 15 (and canceling claim 15). During the personal interview, the Examiners agreed that such an amendment would overcome the prior art rejection.

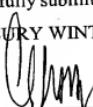
Accordingly, the present Amendment makes such claim amendments and adds similar subject matter to claim 16, amends claim 17 to correct its dependency and amends claim 18 to merely remove the acronym VMSC (as requested by the Examiners). The Examiners

indicated that such amendments with the changes to the Figures would resolve all the outstanding issues on this application.

In view of the foregoing, the claims are now believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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